

55 and adds new Claims 56-108. Upon amendment, the above-identified application will have one independent claim (new Claim 56) and 53 total claims (new Claims 56-108). The Applicants previously paid for three independent claims and 50 total claims. Therefore, a check for \$54 is enclosed herewith for the fee for 3 additional excess total claims.

Please note that some of the new claims include brackets "[]", but the brackets are not used to identify text that should be deleted.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner first objects to the reinstatement of a previously cancelled claim and to the use of braces rather than brackets to indicate deletions. This response overcomes these objections by cancelling previously pending Claims 1-12, 14, and 19-55 and adding new Claims 56-108. As indicated in Table A, which is enclosed herewith, new Claims 56-108 are based on the previously pending claims. That is, Table A shows how new Claims 56-108 correspond to the previously pending claims.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner also objects to the previously pending claims because some of the previously pending claims did not call for a catalyst comprising a catalyst component and a cocatalyst. This response overcomes this objection because new independent Claim 56 claims a catalyst comprising a catalyst component and a cocatalyst. New Claims 57-108 also call for a catalyst comprising a catalyst component and a cocatalyst because new Claims 57-108 are each directly or indirectly dependent on new independent Claim 56.

In response to a previous restriction requirement, the Applicants previously elected Invention III for prosecution on the merits. New Claims 56-64 and 69-74 readable upon the Invention III. If new independent Claim 56 is ultimately found to allowable, then

the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider on the merits new Subclaims 65-68 and 75-108 because these new subclaims are each directly or indirectly dependent on an allowable elected claim (new independent Claim 56).

The subject matter of new Claims 56-108 is novel and nonobvious in view of the prior art for the reasons set forth in the "Remarks" section of the February 25, 2000 supplemental response regarding the corresponding previously pending claims.

It is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Allowance of the application at an early date is solicited.

This response cancels previously pending Claims 1-12, 14, and 19-55 and adds new Claims 56-108. The cancellations and additions described in the preceding sentence were done to claim the scope of the invention that the Applicants are entitled to claim and were not necessarily done to overcome the prior art. The cancellations and additions described in the first sentence of this paragraph shall not be considered necessary to overcome the prior art.

The Applicants reserve the right to seek protection for any unclaimed subject matter either subsequently in the prosecution of the present case or in a divisional or continuation application.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 12-0415 and, in particular, if this response is not timely filed, then the Commissioner is authorized to treat this Response as including a petition to extend the time period pursuant to 37 C.F.R 1.136 (A) requesting an extension of time of the number of months necessary to make this response timely filed and the



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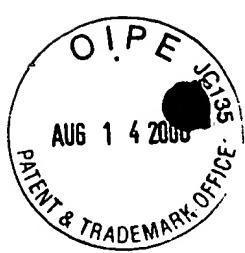


TABLE A

New Claims	Corresponding Previously Pending Claims
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96	48
97	49
98	51 (first half)
99	51 (second half)
100	52
101	53
102	20
103	50
104	51 (first half)
105	51 (second half)
106	52
107	53
108	55